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UPGRADATION OF SMALL TEXTILE MILLS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a scheme for upgradation, development and improvement of the conditions of small textile mills of the country;

(b) if so,the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has set up powerloom service centres in the country;

(d) if so,the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise; and

(e) the details of services rendered by these service centers during each of the last three years and the current year,State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b): Government has taken various measures for upgradation, development and improvement of the condition of textile industry as whole,including small textile mills in the country.Some of the measures taken are given below:-

In order to facilitate modernization/Technology Upgrdation of Textiles mills,Government has launched Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) for Textile and Jute Industries w.e.f. 1.4.1999 for a period of 5 years which was subsequently extended up to 31.3.2007 and stands extended during Eleventh Five Year Plan with special thrust on garmenting,technical textiles and processing segments.

Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) was launched in the year 2000 to improve productivity and quality of cotton.

For imparting focused thrust for setting up of apparel manufacturing units of international standards at potential growth centres and to give a fillip to exports,a centrally sponsored scheme titled Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP) was launched by merging two schemes namely the Scheme for Apparel Parks for Exports (APE) and Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS).The SITP is expected to plug critical infrastructure gaps in traditional textile/apparel clusters to help the units located therein to become globally competitive.Under the scheme,30 projects with total project cost of Rs.3046.33 crore were identified till 31.03.2008.

(c),(d) & (e): Govt. has formulated various schemes for upgradation and development of powerloom sector in the country.Some of the schemes are given below :-

1) Integrated Scheme for Powerloom Sector Development having following components:

a) Marketing Development Programme ;

b) Exposure visit of powerloom weavers to other clusters;

c) Survey of powerlooms;

d) Powerloom cluster development;

e) Development & up-gradation of skills.

2) Modified Group Workshed Scheme

The Govt. of India had introduced a Group Workshed Scheme for decentralized Powerloom Sector on 29.7.2003,under the Xth five-year plan.The scheme aims at setting up of Powerloom Parks with modern weaving machinery to enhance their competitiveness in the Global Market.The scheme was further revised and as per the revised Scheme,subsidy for Work shed would be limited to 40% of the cost of construction subject to a maximum of Rs. 120/- per sq.ft.

3) Group Insurance Scheme to the powerloom workers

Government of India have launched a revised Scheme "welfare of Powerloom workers through Group Insurance Scheme' in association with LIC from 1st July 2003.The Scheme was further revised from 1st Jan. 2008 onwards with increased benefits.The details regarding premium payable and the benefits available under the revised Scheme are at Annexure-1.Under the scheme a worker will also be entitled the educational grant of Rs.600/- per child/ per half year for two children studying in IX to XII standard for a maximum period of 4 years under Shiksha Sahayog Yojana (SSY).

4) 20% Credit Linked Capital Subsidy

The Government has implemented 20% Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme under the TUFS,especially in order to help the Decentralised Powerloom Sector.The scheme was announced on 6-11-2003 and is applicable to powerlooms in SSI sector only.Under the scheme, Rs. 134 crore has been disbursed to 1916 cases since November 2003 to March 2008.

5) Powerloom Service Centers

Govt. has set up 44 Powerloom Service Centers(PSC) through out the country.The state wise location of these centers are given at Annexure-II.The services rendered by these PSCs mainly are training, testing of samples,design development,consultancy services to the powerloom units in the cluster etc. The details of the services provided during the last three years are as under: